



Community Vision
WAHTA MOHAWKS are of One
Mind in preserving our inherent
and treaty rights to sustain
future generations by
respecting the Creator.
Tahintistenta Ohwen:tsia
... ourself, others

October/ Kentenah 2014

Wahta Atenhros:sera Ori:wa

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- **Seniors Luncheon**
Oct. 1st, 2014
12:00—2:00 pm
Triplex
- **Nomination Day**
Oct. 11th, 2014
2:00pm - 6:00pm
Community Centre
- **Health Services**
Please see the calendar for
a list of events
- **Candidates Forum**
Oct. 18th, 2014
10:00am - 12:00pm
Community Centre
- **Community Shopping**
Oct. 2nd, 2014
Midland
- **After School Program**
This program will run
3 days per week
Begins, Oct. 7th, 2014
3:30pm—5:30pm
- **Bi-Election Vote**
Oct. 25th, 2014
9:00am - 7:00pm
Community Centre
- **Community Meeting**
Oct. 28th, 2014
7:00pm
Community Centre
- **Children's Halloween
Party**
Oct. 30th, 2014
4:30pm
Triplex

We're on the Web!
See us at
www.wahtamohawks.ca

ANNOUNCEMENT

Chief and Council are pleased to announce that the protestors have vacated the administration building peacefully and of their own accord. Chief, Council, Administrator and staff have returned to the Community Centre, at 2664 Muskoka Rd. 38, where we can better serve our community. As we transition back to the community centre we will continue to provide services and programs to meet the needs of the community. Please note that all calls to the Old Band Hall will now be forwarded to the Administration Building. We can now be reached at the Administration Building telephone number.

Wahta Mohawks Administration Building

705-762-2354

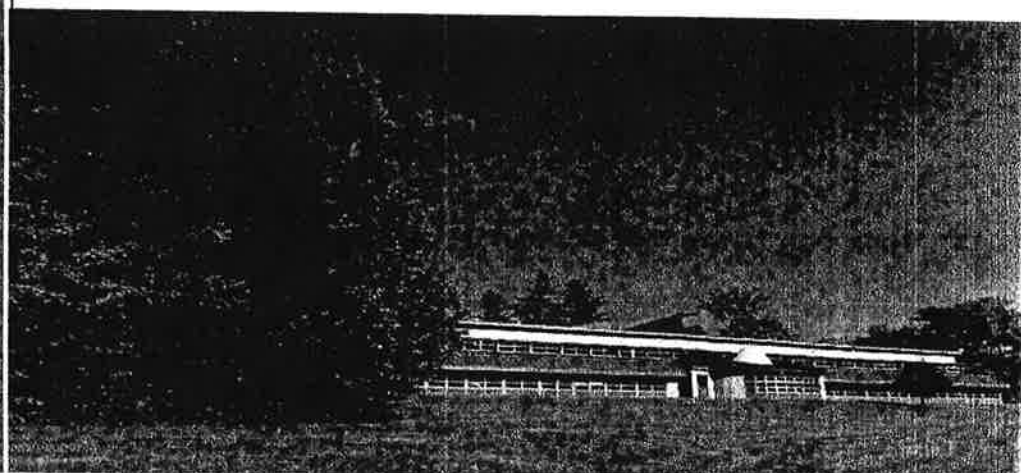
The Nursing Station

(telephone number and location will remain the same, 2350 Muskoka Rd. 38)

705-762-1274

Thank you to Wahta Mohawks maintenance staff for their endeavours
cleaning up the
Administration & Community Centre grounds and building

* On Friday, October 3rd, the Administration building will be closed
for a staff appreciation day





Wahta Mohawks

Box 260

Bala, Ontario P0C 1A0

705-762-2354

NOTICE OF BI-ELECTION

2014.09.11

NOTE CHANGE IN LOCATION

Due to a change in circumstance all election activities will take place at the Community Center, 2664 Muskoka Road 38 Wahta Mohawk Territory. All dates and times are the same.

Notice of Nomination.

Nominations for the position of Councilor will take place on October 11, 2014 at 2664 Muskoka Road 38 on Wahta Mohawk Territory between the hours of 14h00 and 18h00 local time. If more than one nomination for the position of Councilor is received there will be a poll. Eligibility for Nominators and Nominees are contained the *Wahta Mohawks Election Rules and Regulations*.

Notice of Poll

In accordance with the *Wahta Mohawks Election Rules and Regulations*, if more than one Nominee is nominated, a Poll will be conducted for the position of Councilor on October 25th 2014 at 2664 Muskoka Road 38 on Wahta Mohawk Territory between the hours of 09h00 and 19h00 local time.

Qualifying Candidates' Forum

In accordance with the *Wahta Mohawks Election Rules and Regulations*, a Qualifying Candidates Forum will be held on October 18th 2014 at 2664 Muskoka Road 38 on Wahta Mohawk Territory between the hours of 10h00 and 12h00 local time. All Candidates must attend this meeting.

There are certain requirements for Electors, Nominators and Nominees contained in the *Wahta Mohawks Election Rules and Regulations*. Please familiarize yourself with these regulations. Photo identification is required for all Electors.

Matthew Commandant, AEO

/per Electoral Officer

Council Update for September 2014

Council has continued to work on community concerns within specific areas of focus in addition to the issues that were going on at the administration building.

Bala Portage This month Council led delegations at two local government meetings with regard to the Bala Falls project to build a hydroelectric facility on the land known as the Bala portage. We pointed out the portage was of significance to Wahta Mohawks as it is a piece of not only our history upon arrival to the area, but has been charted by the famous geographer/fur trader David Thompson as having been used by other native people in the 1700's. There is oral history that speaks to the portage being on the proposed site. The Council position was put forward to remind the governments of Ontario and Canada to remind them of their duty to consult and to come to an understanding as to how they view the 'duty to consult and accommodate' First Nation people who might be affected by developments such as the Bala one. Letters sent to various ministries and departments have only been responded to by the Ministry of Natural Resources to date, and contact from local MP Tony Clement.

Solar Energy With regard to the solar project proposal that would see us invest more than 3 million dollars, Council is now looking to other more prudent options for investments that would be safer given the

unknown costs of land preparation (about eight acres) road building, hydro pole line, potential for equipment failure and maintenance over the next twenty years. The type of investments that create opportunity and employment for our membership will remain a priority with this Council.

Nurse Practitioner Upon the recommendation of the Nurse Practitioner and the Clinic's health advisory committee Council has agreed that the clinic will remain at the Family Resource Centre building as a permanent location. Investigation will be done to gain funding to make that building handicap accessible.

Hydro One Council will be meeting with Hydro One in early October regarding the Relationship Renewal Agreement entered into early in 2014, as well as the commitments made in the Real Estate Memorandum of Understanding.

Finance In the area of finance Council continues to routinely approve expenditures for Iroquois Cranberry Growers. We are looking forward to the establishment of the Board of Directors who will deal with both the ongoing and future needs of ICG and its future success.

One further area of finance is the Nurse Practitioners clinic. This clinic as well as ICG are programs that are funded by Wahta

Mohawks in their entirety, they receive no additional funding. So far this year Council has been utilizing past approved budgets to continue to fund the clinic but will be establishing and approving an actual budget for the remainder of the fiscal year. The Nurse Practitioner clinic is awaiting word on whether the Wahta clinic will be accepted for mainstream health care funding as many of the patients are from the surrounding areas near Wahta.

Finally, the annual audit for the year April 1 2013 – March 31 2014 will be on track to be completed within the time frame that will keep us out of a penalty situation with our funders. There was a long delay over the summer due to the lack of access to records, and while financial records were obtained from the building recently there was still insufficient documentation to ensure an unqualified audit. We will be proceeding immediately under a tight time frame to meet the audit deadlines.

Land Claim Concerning the land claim, we are now able to access the records that may be in the administration building and can now work in earnest to determine if there is as cans and it the settlement should have been greater than received. The legal counsel suggests it may be that the federal government did not honour its duty to ensure the interests of First Nations are protected as is their fiduciary responsibility.

Jury Duty If you live on Wahta Mohawk Territory, in the past the call for Jury Duty in Ontario courts has not been enforced by Ontario if you did not reply to a call to serve. Such refusal to serve carries penalties under Ontario law. We held that position for many years. Council is looking into this matter again and will confirm a position. At issue here is that we are not

taxpayers to municipal governments so have not agreed to being forced to serve on a jury. On the other hand with the disproportionate number of Aboriginal people who end up in court, there may be advantage to having some of our own people involved in juries. The Ministry of Attorney endorses the idea of First Nations being on juries and is actively promoting this concept.

Ministry of Natural Resources (MNR) Council will be meeting with the MNR early in October to review a number of issues related to the involvement of that Ministry within the confines of this First Nation, any programs or services they provide, and our future relationship with MNR. After that meeting once information is gathered by Council and we have brought the community the information we will then accept individual concerns from the membership, if they have any, based on what we hear.

Ongoing Communications In accordance with original statements made during election time about improving communication to with the membership as a whole, Council members will be attending a one day education session in Toronto in order to understand best practices, and to develop a communications strategy to improve our communications with members here.

All the best to you all throughout the fall of 2014, and may winter please take its sweet time getting here.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Community Shopping

October – Thursday Oct 2nd – Midland

November – Monday Nov 10th – Orillia

December – Wednesday Dec 3rd – Newmarket

Contact Christine to register (705) 762-3343 ext. 202/203

Baby Play

Monday, October 20th, for 18 weeks (every other Monday morning) from 9:30 – 11:30 at the tri-plex. Continuation of program will depend on attendance. Contact Christine to register (705) 762-3343 ext. 202/203.

Potted Potter

December 18th the bus leaves at 4:00PM. Please register with Christine by October 24th (705)762-3343 ext. 202/203.

Grilling

Wednesday, October 22nd at 1:00PM at the tri-plex. Contact Christine at (705)762-3343 ext. 202/203.

Canning

October 24th, 31st, and November 7th. Please contact Christine at (705)762-3343 ext. 202/203.

Fire Awareness

Friday October 10th at the tri-plex

Children 9-10:30 Adults 10:30-12:00

Contact Christine to register (705) 762-3343 ext. 202/203.

Influenza Epidemic Presentation

October 16th, at 6:30, Contact, Christine for more details. (705)762-3343 ext. 202/203

Children's Halloween Party

Thursday October 30th, 4:30PM at the Tri-Plex. Wear you costumes and be ready for dinner and pumpkin carving. Please register with Kirstie at (705)762-3343 ext. 203/203 by October 24th at 2:00PM.

Health Nurse

October 8th Blood Pressure Clinic 9:30AM at the Tri-Plex

October 16th Pandemic presentation at 6:30PM at the Tri-Plex

October 29th Chair Exercise at 10:30 and Flu Clinic from 1:00PM – 4:00PM at the Tri Plex

After School Program

Beginning Tuesday October 7th from 3:30PM – 5:30PM for children aged 4 to 12 years. This program will run 3 days per week. The after school program provides children an opportunity to learn outside of the classroom and to enhance their cognitive, social, physical, and emotional development through a balance of recreation, arts, homework support, nutrition and other daily supports. Please contact Colleen at (705) 762-3343 ext. 202/203 for more information and to register your child(ren).

Parent and Child Conference November 14-16, 2014

Calling all families!! Health services extends an invitation to parents and children up to 18 years of age. Please note children must be accompanied by an adult.

Topics to be discussed: Cyber bullying and technology awareness with the OPP, Self Esteem and FASD.

Spaces are limited! Please contact Christine by **Tuesday, October 14 before 12 noon** to register.

Contact information for Health Services

(705) 762-2354

Sherry ext. 250

Colleen ext. 241

Christine ext. 273

Kirstie ext. 249

Amy ext.240

OCTOBER 9, FROM 6:00PM TO 9:00PM @ the Community Centre

Child/Women Identification Kits with MasoniCh.I.P & OPP

In supporting the safety of the women and children of Wahta, MasoniCh.I.P (Child Identification Program) has volunteered to complete kits that could save a life!

This event is FREE for women, parents and children from infants to seniors! Come get an I.D. kit completed for yourself (if you are a woman) or your child. You will go home with:

***2 printed wallet sized ID cards for the child to have on them**

***1 general information sheet with the Child ID kit details and fingerprints**

***1 CD ROM with: Digital (PDF) versions of the ID cards and information sheet, photos of child/woman, a video file of the child/woman, fingerprint files**

*** a sealed bag with: Dental impression (bite) plate or a cheek swab**

OPP will be in attendance for questions and support.

Appointments are recommended to make the evening run more smoothly. Drop-ins are also welcomed but those with appointments will be permitted to go first.

If you are interested and would like to make an appointment or have any questions, please call Kirstie at extension 202/203.

PRODUCT RECALLS

***Eudora's brand Relish, reason for recall is an Allergen – mustard.**

***Gingerbread House Bakery brand baked goods, reason for recall is an Allergen – milk and wheat.**

***Beverage powders imported by Portoola Trading Distribution, reason for recall is an Allergen – Milk.**

***Sheung Kee Trading Company soup stock, reason for recall is an Allergen – sulphites**

***EMB Brand Biscuits , reason for recall is an Allergen – Milk**

***Sears Canada recalls One Direction Children's sleepwear <http://healthycanadiens.gc.ca/recall-allert>**

***Ace Bayou Corporation recalls Bean Bag Chairs**

<http://healthycanadiens.gc.ca/recall-allert>

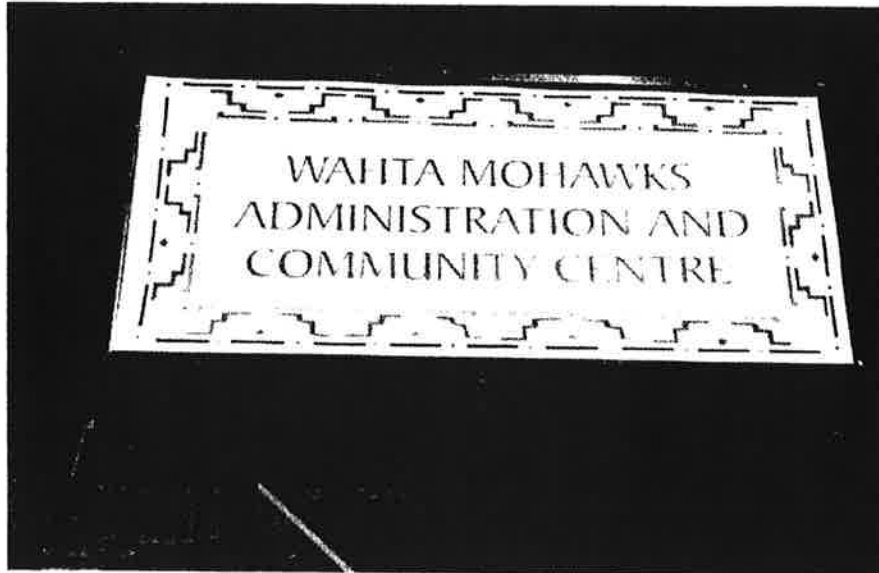
***Ikea recalls GUNGGUNG Children's Swing <http://healthycanadiens.gc.ca/recall-allert>**

OPEN HOUSE

WAHTA MEMBERS, CHIEF AND COUNCIL, STAFF

**PLEASE JOIN US AT THE ADMINISTRATION AND
COMMUNITY CENTRE ON OCTOBER 9TH AT 6PM FOR
DINNER**

EVERYONE IS WELCOME



Remember

Child/Women Identification Kits Program from 6pm-9pm, Oct. 9th

Apartments for Rent

**One 2 bedroom senior apartment unfurnished
Newly renovated**

**One 1 bedroom senior apartment unfurnished
Renovated in the past two years**

**Please contact Karen Sahanatien for more information at 705-762-2354 or
karen.sahanatien@wahtamohawks.ca**

Wahta Nursing Station

Questions & Answers

Q: Do I have to state the reason for my visit when I call to book an appointment?

A: *Knowing the reason for your visit allows us to book the appropriate amount of time. Example: a mental health concern may take an hour, whereas an allergy injection is 10 minutes. Having a general idea of why you are booking an appointment also gives us an opportunity to prepare for your visit. This allows us to, book a maximum amount of patients each day. It results in shorter wait times for you and creates an efficient practice.*

Q: Have the Nursing Station hours decreased?

A: *Yes. What may seem like a short visit for you with the NP can result in an hour's worth of work after the appointment. Referrals, prescriptions, diagnostic imaging requests, forms and etc. all take extra time to process. Designating time at the start and end of our day allows these requests to be completed.*

Q: Is everything in the Nursing Station confidential?

A: *All Nursing Station staff have signed a confidentiality agreement. This includes the NP, receptionist and any medical students working in the Nursing Station. No patient information can be shared without patient consent. Patient Confidentiality is taken as seriously in the Wahta Nursing Station as in any other medical practice.*

Q: Do Wahta community members receive priority appointments?

A: *The care of Wahta members has always been our first priority. To accommodate patients from Wahta, we adjust our schedule for urgent care as well as those who drop in without an appointment.*

If you have any other questions regarding the Nursing Station please feel free to ask either our receptionist or the Nurse Practitioner. They would be happy to clarify any doubts or misconceptions.

Wahta Nursing Station

Pink for October

Breast Cancer Screening

Evidence shows that regular mammograms for women age 50 and over are the most effective way to detect breast cancer early.

More than 80% of breast cancers are found in women over 50 years old, and most women diagnosed with breast cancer have no family history of the disease.

Cervical Cancer Screening

Cervical cancer is preventable. Yet year after year, about 550 women are diagnosed with cancer of the cervix and about 160 women die from this disease in Ontario.

Cervical cancer screening is recommended every three years for all women starting at age 21 who are or ever have been sexually active. Pap tests can stop at age 70 in women who have had three or more normal tests in the prior 10 years.

**BOOK AN APPOINTMENT AT THE
WAHTA NURSING STATION! T: 705-762-1274**

Sexually Transmitted Infections

Some of the most commonly reported STIs can be treated and cured.

Antibiotics can cure potentially serious STIs like chlamydia and gonorrhea. In some cases, treatment can help reduce symptom of infection, or future outbreaks (e.g. antivirals for herpes and HPV). And there are also medications that help people with HIV live longer and healthier lives. Get tested and get treated.

Testing is free and easy. Confidentiality is assured.

Call for more information!

Any woman who comes in for STI screening during the month of October will have their name put in a draw for a chance to

PAP PARTY

October 15th ~ 11am-7pm

***Please Book your appt.
before Oct 8th!!!**

Book a PAP SMEAR and/or BREAST EXAM and get an appointment with our *massage therapist* – no charge!

Also enjoy some "mocktails" and appetizers here in the Nursing Station + your name will be entered in a draw for a chance to win 1 of 3 gift cards

LADIES MONTH

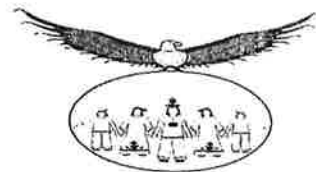
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Any woman who comes in throughout the month of October to have a PAP smear or breast exam/mammogram will have their name put in our draw for 1 of 3 gift cards



KAGITA MIKAM EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING

Intake applications are ongoing for Kagita Mikam Employment & Training Programs. If you are unemployed, underemployed or out of school and would like to receive training to get back into the workforce then support is available upon meeting the criteria and funding availability.



Programs available through Kagita Mikam are: Purchase of Training, Targeted Wage Subsidy, Mobility Assistance, Youth Work Experience, Employment Assistance Supports and Self Employment Assistance. Funding for training is for 1 year only. Members of Wahta Mohawks without status are eligible for funding. A Letter from Wahta Mohawks stating that you have membership must be provided. Members with status must provide status number and membership letter. For more information on the program please contact Kristal at 705-762-2354 x. 230 or by email kristal.berwick@wahtamohawks.ca

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

SEASONAL

Iroquois Cranberry Growers is hiring Harvest Labours. Employment is available immediately. If you are interested in applying for this position please contact Matt Commandant at 705-644-4226 or matt@iroquoiscranberries.com.

FULL TIME

Wahta Springs has a full time position available for a Line Worker. If interested in this position please bring your resume to Wahta Springs and ask for Steve.

Membership Report

The following persons have been accepted as members:

Tracy Carol Marie Hinks (Decaire)

Gary John Jones (White)

Joseph John Hinks (Decaire)

Shelley Marie Decaire

Bart Harry Hinks (Decaire)

Esther White

Ryan Herbert Floyd White

Marvin Decaire

The following person has not been accepted as a member:

Wayne Arthur Gordon Schell

Education News

Locally our students have settled in well to the new school year. Glen Orchard welcomes Principal Debbie Wines. Although new to the Principal role, Debbie grew up on Mortimer's Point road and served as a kindergarten teacher, a junior teacher and Vice Principal at Glen Orchard School. She has secondary school experience and she also worked in the capacity of a Consultant to the Board providing support to elementary teachers. Coming with a wealth of experiences students and parents of Glen Orchard are fortunate to have her in the leadership role.

The Indigenous Education Coalition recently celebrated the third anniversary of N'maachihna: Indigenous Education Enviro-Education Centre, a culturally based land-based outdoor classroom. Following the Ontario curriculum guidelines N'maachihna provides hands on learning opportunities. The site contains traditional wigwams, a cooking lean-to, an outdoor amphitheater, sports field, pavilion housing a kitchen and washroom facilities as well as a demonstration area where one can participate in canoe making and hide tanning. The anniversary celebration included a social, lacrosse game and a medicine game called Fire Ball. The Fire Ball game, an outdoor game played in the dark, was an amazing experience to witness. This game of healing consisted of 8 male players who after receiving tobacco played a game of "football" with a ball made of wire soaked in flammable fluid and set on fire. Players accepted tobacco from spectators. Spectators asked the player to play for a person who is ill; each time the player touched the Fire Ball healing occurred for the sick. The youngest players to play have been 14 and 17 years of age. The core of the ball once the flame extinguished on its' own will be part of the ball for next year and thus the healing continues. Emergency first aid was provided immediately upon completion of the game.

Programming for the students occurring on Wednesday night for tutoring will be moved back to the library at the administration office.

The programs at the Longhouse for children after school continue; much appreciation is given to Lucia Sahanatien and Iohate for offering this cultural education program for the children and youth.

TUTORING IS ON WEDNESDAYS, AFTER SCHOOL. SNACKS ARE AVAILABLE TO STUDENTS; THE PROGRAM RUNS FROM 3:45 TO 5:30 WEEKLY.

CULTURAL EDUCATION IS EVERY THURSDAYS AFTER SCHOOL. BUSSING ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE TO HAVE STUDENTS DROPPED OFF AT THE LONGHOUSE. PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL IF YOU WISH YOUR CHILD TO PARTICIPATE. SNACKS PROVIDED. PROGRAM RUNS UNTIL 5:30

October 2014

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 Seniors Luncheon 12-2pm Triplex	2 Community Shopping Midland	3 Administration Building Closed	4
5	6 After School Program 3:30-5:30pm	7	8 Blood Pressure Clinic 9:30 am Triplex	9 Open House 6pm ID Program 6-9am Community Centre	10 Fire Awareness ,Triplex Children 9-10:30AM Adults 10:30-12	11 Nomination Day 2-6pm Community Centre
12	13	14	15 Influenza Presentation 6:30pm	16	17	18 Candidates Forum 10am-12pm Community Centre
19	20 Baby Play 9:30-11:30am Triplex	21	22 Grilling 1pm Triplex	23	24 Canning	25 Election Vote 9am-7pm Community Centre
26	27 Community Meeting 7pm Community Centre	28 Chair Exercise Triplex 10:30 am Flu Clinic 1-4pm	29 Children's Halloween Party 4:30 Triplex	30	31 Canning	

